

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

SONDRA K. SUTER,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
vs.) **Civil No. 15-cv-868-CJP**
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CAROLYN W. COLVIN,)
)
Defendant.)

ORDER for ATTORNEY'S FEES

PROUD, Magistrate Judge:

Before the Court is the parties' Joint Motion for an Award of Attorney's Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act. (**Doc. 41**).

The parties have agreed that plaintiff is entitled to an award in the amount of \$6,000.00, and with no additional amount for costs and expenses.

The Court finds that plaintiff is the prevailing party and is entitled to an award of attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412(d)(1)(B). The Court further finds that the agreed upon amount is reasonable and appropriate.

Plaintiff's unopposed motion for attorney's fees (**Doc. 28**) is **GRANTED**. The Court awards plaintiff Sondra K. Suter the sum of **\$6,000.00** (six thousand dollars) for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act. These funds shall be payable to plaintiff, per *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010). However, in accordance with the parties' agreement, any part of the award that is not subject

to set-off to pay plaintiff's pre-existing debt to the United States shall be made payable to plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment previously executed by plaintiff and her attorney.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: November 4, 2016.

**s/ Clifford J. Proud
CLIFFORD J. PROUD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**